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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

*To His Excellency, Clyde R. Hoey, Governor,  
and the General Assembly of North Carolina.*

GENTLEMEN:

We have the honor of submitting, herewith, the report of the State Industrial Farm Colony for Women, for the biennial period dating from July 1, 1936, through June 30, 1938.

Very truly yours,

REV. J. R. ROUNTREE,

*Chairman*

MRS. G. V. COWPER,

*Secretary-Treasurer  
of the Board of Directors.*

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

*To The Honorable Board of Directors of the  
State Industrial Farm Colony for Women:*

During the past biennium the work of the institution has gone steadily forward. There were 138 new cases admitted from the courts of the State, and 18 paroled persons were returned for further training. These admissions, together with 20 other admissions and the return of 2 escapees, brought the total number of admissions up to 178 women.

At the same time, hundreds of other women who could become assets instead of liabilities to their communities were, and are, still drifting in and out of the jails of the State annually, becoming for the most part more and more degraded individually. Because *the colony has no room for them*, to give them the training which they need, they cannot be committed to us.

We are sometimes asked how long is our "waiting list" at the Colony? Obviously, a correctional institution such as the Colony has no long waiting list. If there is no room for a woman at the Colony she is committed to the jail instead. *The jails of the State of North Carolina are our "waiting lists,"* and will continue to be so until additional dormitories are granted by the Legislature to enlarge the work of the Colony and care more adequately for the women misdemeanants of the State.

The Colony has a turnover annually of approximately twice its average population. It has been proved beyond a doubt in the past seven years of work here that an unduly long training program is *not* necessary in order to rehabilitate the average woman misdemeanant, provided the program is comprehensively and efficiently planned and carried out under the direction of trained and skilled workers. We do not believe in institutionalizing women. With an average daily population of slightly under 50 women (this was the limit set by the last Legislature) the Colony during the past biennium has paroled 171 cases. These women were under training at the Colony for an average period of six to eight months. Out of the 171 women, 4 are at present back in the institution, having been returned for further training. They are all four making good progress at the present time, and the prognosis for their future rehabilitation outside the institution is favorable.

Two women have died since leaving the Colony. Four others are now in the State Hospitals for the Insane, where they should have been sent directly in the first place instead of to the Colony. (Since the last Legislature we are permitted by law to refuse mentally deranged cases.) One seriously psychopathic case is now in the State Prison in Raleigh.

Out of the remaining total of 160 cases there are 13 cases only that must for the present be definitely considered failures. Out of these 13 cases 12 are feeble-minded, 9 of them having the mentality of an eight year old child, and 3 the mentality of a nine year old child. Only one of the 13 is normal mentally, and she eventually should be capable of rehabilitation.

In 19 cases the present adjustment is from fair to good, and in 113 cases the adjustment is from very good to excellent.

There are 15 cases whose present whereabouts are not definitely known. In 8 out of these 15 cases the prognosis was sufficiently good that we may assume from past experience with similar cases that a satisfactory adjustment is being made, and that these cases will presently come to light. This leaves 7 doubtful cases whose whereabouts are not known.

We have, therefore, during the past biennium thus far obtained superior results in 66% of cases (113 out of 171 cases) and fair to good results in approximately 16% of cases (27 cases). This gives us 82% of successful cases to date for the biennium.

At the request of Governor Hoey and Mr. Edwin Gill, Commissioner of Paroles, a complete survey is being made of over 500 cases paroled from the Colony since its inception. This survey is not yet completed, but as far as can be estimated at present, it will, in all probability, show between 70% and 80% of success for all cases admitted to the Colony.

These statistics are submitted as evidence of the real contribution which the Colony is making to the improvement of the citizenry of the State. It is gratifying to the Superintendent that, so far as the Board has been concerned, they have always given the Colony program their fullest co-operation and assistance. My staff join me in expressing sincerest thanks for your help and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSA ERNST,  
*Superintendent.*



## MEDICAL STATISTICS

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 1937 and 1938

	YEARS ENDED	
	June 30, 1937	June 30, 1938
Admissions per year.....	96	72
Complete physical examinations.....	92	72
Wassermann examinations of admissions.....	92	72
Additional Wassermann examinations (rechecks).....	206	164
Total Wassermann examinations.....	298	236
Positive syphilitic cases.....	24	20
Number of positive carried over from June 30, 1936.....	14	
Syphilitic treatments:		
Intravenous.....	277	253
Intramuscular.....	265	220
Total number of syphilitic treatments.....	542	473
Number of Wassermanns negative on discharge.....		11
Number of Wassermanns negative after treatment to June 30, 1938 but still in institution.....		9
Gonorrheal examinations of admissions.....	92	72
Vaginal smears.....	92	72
Urethral smears.....	92	72
Additional gonorrheal examinations:		
Vaginal smears.....	252	191
Urethral smears.....	252	191
Total number of gonorrheal examinations.....	344	263
Positive gonorrheal cases.....	54	29
Gonorrheal vaccines.....	585	247
Number of G. C. positive on discharge.....		
Number of G. C. negative on discharge.....	54	22
Number of G. C. negative after treatment but still in institution.....		7
Minor treatments.....	2,312	1,606
Stool examinations.....	78	59
Positive hookworm cases.....	16	12
Hookworm treatments.....	16	12
Thyroid treatments.....	1	2
Clinical patients.....	1,271	956
Regular visits made by doctor.....	51	51
Emergency calls made by doctor.....	2	2
Average number of patients seen each visit.....	25	19
Major operations.....	2	3
Minor operations.....	4	2
Hospitalizations.....	7	5
Average weight on admission.....	125	130
Average weight on dismissal.....	138	145
Average weight of hookworm patients on admission.....	118	121
Average weight of hookworm patients on dismissal (after treatments).....	130	134
Typhoid vaccinations.....	261	192
Smallpox vaccinations.....	67	58
Number of smallpox takes.....	14	10
Infectious diseases.....		



## REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR

The above statistical report again bespeaks an unusually healthy institution. This is due, no doubt, to the policy of a complete examination of each inmate on admittance and to the correction of minor ailments at this time. A very efficient resident nurse is in no small way responsible for this good report. There have been no epidemics at the institution for the past five years. The water supply is checked at regular intervals. At no time have harmful bacteria been reported. The kitchen, store rooms and dormitories have been inspected and at all times conform to sanitary requirements.

The venereal situation in the class of women admitted to the institution remains about the same. The number of cases of gonorrhea and syphilis is about the same as for the last biennium. A noteworthy fact is that no inmate has been discharged from the institution with a positive Wassermann test or a positive smear for gonorrhea.

The medical director wishes to extend sincere thanks to the entire personnel of the institution for their cooperation during the past biennium.

THOMAS LESLIE LEE, M.D.

## DENTAL STATISTICS

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 1937 and 1938

	YEARS ENDED	
	June 30, 1937	June 30, 1938
Number of admissions per year.....	96	72
Number of dental examinations of admissions.....	92	72
Number showing positive Vincent's infection.....	62	55
Number negative for Vincent's infection after treatment.....	53	52
Number of Vincent's tests (rechecks).....	165	98
Total number of tests made for Vincent's infection.....	248	153
Total number positives carried over from June 30, 1936.....	17	-----
Number of Vincent's treatments given.....	776	671
Number positive, both syphilis and Vincent's angina.....	20	15
Number of pyorrhea cases.....	22	21
Number of cavities of decay.....	224	247
Number of extractions.....	40	53
Number of patients showing no cavities.....	23	13
Number of partially erupted third molars.....	21	33
Number of dental plates made.....	-----	1
Total number of clinical patients.....	1,310	783
Total number of visits by dentist.....	50	51
Average number of patients seen each visit.....	26	13

## REPORT OF DENTIST

Out of one hundred and sixty four new admissions examined during the past biennium, one hundred and seventeen, that is, seventy-one per cent, were positive for Vincent's infection. These cases were treated until negative.

Re-checks are made on all inmates every two months. These re-checks include a microscopic smear for Vincent's infection, therefore the proposed addition of a microscope to the dental equipment will be a great aid in this respect.

Individual instruction in the care of the teeth are given each inmate. A close follow-up of these instructions by members of the staff result in a marked improvement in the condition and care of the teeth of all women while in the institution.

GEO. W. PRICE, D.D.S.

TABLE NO. 1  
GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Date of opening.....	April 3, 1929
2. Plant:	
Land—488 acres (96 farmed).....	\$ 4,880.00
Buildings.....	92,240.31
Equipment.....	13,311.61
Total value.....	\$ 110,431.92

	YEARS ENDED	
	1936-1937	1937-1938
3. Officers and employees in service at end of year:		
Superintendent.....	1	1
Budget officer and secretary.....	1	1
Nurse.....	1	1
Dietitian.....	1	1
Housemothers.....	2	2
Farm teacher.....	1	1
Laundry teacher.....	1	1
Farm manager.....	1	1
Farm hands.....	2	2
Total.....	11	11

TABLE NO. 2  
MOVEMENT OF POPULATION

PERSONS IN INSTITUTION	YEARS ENDED	
	June 30, 1937	June 30, 1938
Number in institution, first of year.....	64	52
Admissions during year:		
Received from courts.....	73	65
Paroled persons returned.....	12	6
Escaped persons returned.....	2	
Transferred from other institutions.....		
Other admissions.....	9	11
Total admissions to institution.....	96	82
Total number of persons taken care of in institution during year.....	160	134
Separations during year:		
Paroles.....	95	76
Transferred to other institutions.....	1	
Escapes.....	5	5
Deaths.....		
Other dispositions.....	7	9
Total separations from institution during year.....	108	90
Number in institution at end of year.....	52	44
Average daily resident population during year.....	61.09	47.84
Normal capacity.....	60	60
MOVEMENT OF POPULATION BY CASES		
Total cases, first of year, both in institution and on parole.....	187	194
Number new cases committed to institution during year.....	73	65
Total cases cared for during year.....	260	259
Number of cases discharged during year.....	66	52
Total cases with institutional obligation, end of year.....	194	207
SUMMARY		
In institution, end of year.....	52	44
On parole, end of year.....	142	153
Total.....	194	207





**INDUSTRIAL FARM COLONY FOR WOMEN  
KINSTON**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1937 AND 1938**

## Revenues and Expenditures

## PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 1938

	Fiscal Year 1937-1938
REVENUES	
Appropriation July 1, 1937.....	\$ 7,000.00
EXPENDITURES	
Household and kitchen equipment.....	355.62
Balance appropriation June 30, 1938.....	\$ 6,644.38

## Revenues and Expenditures

## MAINTENANCE FUND

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 1937 and 1938

	Fiscal Year 1936-1937	Fiscal Year 1937-1938
REVENUES		
Appropriation:		
Chapter 306 of P. L. 1935.....	\$ 23,425.00	\$ 27,299.00
Chapter 99 of P. L. 1937.....		
Institutional Receipts:		
Sale of farm products.....	67.24	25.35
Transfer from 1936-1937 to 1937-1938 for ditching.....		300.00
Miscellaneous refunds.....	316.90	405.36
Total revenues.....	\$ 23,809.14	\$ 28,029.71
EXPENDITURES		
Administration.....	\$ 3,723.93	\$ 3,864.15
Custodial care.....	14,067.62	15,093.87
Operation and maintenance of plant.....	3,780.27	3,824.20
Additions and betterments.....	1,725.49	796.50
Total expenditures.....	\$ 23,297.31	\$ 23,578.72
Balance reverted to General Fund.....	\$ 511.83	\$ 4,220.28

## AVERAGE POPULATION AND MAINTENANCE PER CAPITA COST

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 1937 and 1938

Function	Fiscal Year 1936-1937	Fiscal Year 1937-1938
Administration.....	60.96	80.77
Custodial care.....	230.28	315.51
Operation and maintenance of plant.....	61.88	79.94
Additions and betterments.....	28.24	16.65
Total.....	381.36	492.87
Average number of inmates.....	61.09	47.84

## REPORT ON FARM PRODUCTION

	Year Ended June 30, 1937	Year Ended June 30, 1938
PRODUCTS USED AS FOOD		
Fruits:		
Strawberries.....	205¾ gallons	179¼ gallons
Cantaloupes.....	1,740	723
Watermelons.....	1,373	475
Grapes.....	7 bushels	9 bushels
Vegetables:		
Beans—snap.....	49 bushels	107 bushels
Beans—lima.....	3 bushels	17 bushels
Beets.....	12 bushels	16 bushels
Broccoli.....		2 bushels
Cabbage.....	3,618 pounds	9,388 pounds
Carrots.....	30 bushels	33 bushels
Collards.....		115 bushels
Corn—green.....	389 bushels	117 bushels
Cucumbers.....	67 bushels	64 bushels
Greens.....	172 bushels	21 bushels
Kale.....		47 bushels
Lettuce.....		12 bushels
Mustard.....		25 pounds
Okra.....	13 bushels	7 bushels
Onions.....	19 bushels	58 bushels
Peas—garden.....	3 bushels	15 bushels
Peas—field.....	33 bushels	
Peppers.....		
Potatoes—Irish.....	85 bushels	159 bushels
Potatoes—sweet.....	67 bushels	94 bushels
Radishes.....	4 bushels	5 bushels
Rutabagas.....		29 bushels
Squash.....	26 bushels	42 bushels
Spinach.....	1 bushels	5 bushels
Tomatoes.....	243 bushels	110 bushels
Turnip greens.....		39 bushels
Turnips.....	83 bushels	95 bushels

## REPORT ON FARM PRODUCTION—Continued

	Year Ended June 30, 1937	Year Ended June 30, 1938
<b>PRODUCTS USED AS FOOD</b>		
Eggs and Milk:		
Eggs.....	1,472 dozen	1,698 dozen
Milk.....	2,601 gallons	2,871 gallons
Meat:		
Veal.....		86 pounds
Pork (fresh).....	415 pounds	4,214 pounds
Pork (smoked).....	3,400 pounds	1,941 pounds
Chickens.....	644 ponuds	469 pounds
Shortening:		
Butter.....		70 pounds
Lard.....		73 pounds
<b>PRODUCTS USED ON FARM</b>		
Corn.....	760 bushels	538 bushels
Soybeans.....	70 bushels	54 bushels
Hay.....	15 tons	22 tons
Waste to hogs.....		144 bushels
Potatoes.....	71 bushels	
Greens.....	25 bushels	
Turnips.....	10 bushels	
Cucumbers.....	10 bushels	

## CANNING REPORT

	Year Ended June 30, 1937	Year Ended June 30, 1938
Fruits:		
Strawberries.....	100 gallons	
Watermelons.....	39 gallons	11 gallons
Cantaloupes.....	5 gallons	
Peaches.....		280 gallons
Vegetables:		
Beans—snap.....	26 gallons	441 gallons
Beans—lima.....	4 gallons	
Beets.....		7 gallons
Cabbage.....		555 gallons
Carrots.....	25 gallons	45 gallons
Corn.....	70 gallons	102 gallons
Peas.....	10 gallons	
Tomatoes.....	277 gallons	290 gallons
Squash.....	2 gallons	104 gallons
Cucumber pickle.....	22 gallons	120 gallons
Chili Sauce.....	12 gallons	
Turnips.....		212 gallons
Total.....	592 gallons	2,167 gallons

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